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Applicant : Daniel, et al.

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For : SILICA-CONTAINING RUBBER COMPOSITION
VULCANIZABLE WITH SULFUR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please make the following
amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached specification (42 pages) for the original PCT
specification (and translation).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel original Claims 1-12 and substitute therefor new Claims 13-27 as